

1 we will be doing in the long-term future if we pass this
2 budgetary provision as it is.

3 It is true, Mr. President and Chairman Sherbow,
4 that we had no debate on this subject of increasing the
5 budget by the legislature. We did have a short yelling
6 match, which I lost. We need this power in the legislature
7 and we need it badly, because otherwise we will just try
8 to cause trouble instead of trying to create new programs,
9 and improve the programs we now have.

10 Thank you.

11 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sherbow.

12 DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. Chairman and ladies and
13 gentlemen, this amendment is even worse than the other
14 one dealing with the budget, because it goes much, much
15 further. It looks innocuous but -- believe me -- it goes
16 much, much further.

17 The other amendment limited the legislature's
18 action to the amount of the Governor's expenditures, but
19 this would not only allow the legislature to reduce the
20 budget, but then having reduced it, using it for their
21 own purposes and programs without providing the taxes,